

the priest did not intend to live with her there, but established her there solely for the purpose of providing a place for the murder.

The murder itself, according to the police story of Father Schmidt's confession, was abnormal in its brutality. According to this story, he bought a long-bladed butcher's knife and an ordinary carpenter's saw, kept them in his room at the rectory for several days, and then on the night of September 2 went to the flat.

He found the young woman asleep, cut her throat so viciously that he almost severed her head from her body, and, while her body was still warm, dragged it to the bathroom, where he proceeded immediately with the work of dismemberment.

Anna Aumuller left her employment in the parish house of St. Boniface Church on August 31. Father Schmidt rented the flat in Bradhurst avenue on August 25 and paid \$5 deposit. On August 28 he paid the other \$14 of the \$19 a month rent asked for the four rooms, and on that day moved in a few pieces of furniture.

The young woman, a few days under twenty years old, told Father John S. Braun, the pastor of St. Boniface, that she was going to get married. To a fellow servant, Annie Hirt, she confided that she intended to marry an artist, Alexander Borgen, who lived in a small city in Ohio. Detectives who were told this story by a Tribune reporter began an investigation with the idea that it might furnish another motive for the murder. In that if her story to the Hirt girl was true the priest might have feared discovery of his liaison by the man she was going to marry and subsequent exposure for himself.

While Father Schmidt insisted that he was a regularly ordained priest and was able to furnish a complete story of his life, education and service as a priest, both in this country and in his native Germany, the church authorities of this diocese and of Trenton, N. J., whence he came to New York, threw doubt upon the authenticity of his story of having been ordained.

May Be Impostor as Priest.

Monsignor Lavelle, after hearing a report from Father Francis J. Sullivan and Father Luke J. Evers, who went to see Schmidt in the Tombs, said they could not learn from him any specific details as to when and where he was ordained a priest, and that it was rumored that he had been arrested in Munich, Germany, as an impostor on the complaint of a priest.

Bishop McFaul, of the Trenton diocese, said Schmidt was connected with the New York diocese and served in Trenton at St. Francis's Church only in the temporary absence of the Rev. Dr. Rathner.

The detective work by which the murder was traced down to the point where the police felt justified in confronting Father Schmidt with the crime goes to make up one of the most careful pieces of such work with which the department has been credited.

It began with the pillow slips, one of which was found wrapped around the first part of the victim's torso found in the river. The manufacturer, in Newark, provided the name of a Harlem dealer, George Sachs, and Sachs was able to give the police the names and addresses of the purchasers of the twelve such pillow slips he sold.

Ten of these pillow slips were traced by the police, and the two remaining sales were made by Sachs to Hans Schmidt, to be delivered at No. 68 Bradhurst avenue. For four days Inspector Faurot had that apartment house watched for the occupant of the third floor rear flat, but Schmidt's work was done and he was gone before the vigil started.

Before 1 o'clock yesterday morning Faurot with his detectives went to the Bradhurst avenue flat, determined that as much as no tenant had been seen either entering or leaving the flat since the guard was set they would break in.

Detective Cassassa was sent up the fire escape, and after gaining an entrance through the window he went through the flat and opened the door to let in Inspector Faurot, with Detectives O'Neill and Horan. They found evidence of the crime almost immediately, in the shape of a long-bladed butcher's knife and the carpenter's saw, which had not been thoroughly cleaned of blood.

They picked up also two pictures of Anna Aumuller, some underwear similar to that on the torso found in the river, a man's coat of a mixed gray material, in the pocket of which was a card inscribed "A. Van Dyke"; a portion of that found on the bundles containing the dismembered parts of the victim's body; a receipted bill, showing that Hans Schmidt bought from George Sachs, No. 2762 Eighth avenue, one white enamel bed, one mattress and two pillows and pillow slips, for which he paid \$12.68, and two trunks, in one of which were found a number of letters addressed to Miss Aumuller at St. Boniface's Church, 47th street and Second avenue.

Letters Signed "Hans."

Some of these letters were signed "Hans," and others, more formal, with the full name of "Hans Schmidt," and through these letters the trail led straight to the identification of the victim and the apprehension of the priest who is charged with the murder.

Just after 1 o'clock yesterday morning the police automobile containing Inspector Faurot and his detectives whizzed over to St. Boniface's Church parish house, where Father Braun immediately identified the photographs of Miss Aumuller. Faurot asked where Father Schmidt might be found, and Father Braun directed him to St. Joseph's Church parish house, at No. 405 West 125th street.

At 2 o'clock in the morning the police automobile stopped at the St. Joseph's Church rectory, and a few minutes later Father Huntman let in the officers and went upstairs to send Father Schmidt down.

Father Schmidt came into the parlor of the rectory, from which he was to go out a few minutes later a prisoner charged with murder, clad in his clerical vestments. Faurot's first questions he parried with skilful denials,

HOUSE WHERE MURDER WAS COMMITTED. ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH AND BATHROOM WHERE GIRL'S BODY WAS CUT UP.



BREAKS DOWN AT SIGHT OF DEAD GIRL'S PICTURE

Curate Confesses When Confronted with Telltale Evidence of Crime.

The confession made to Inspector Joseph Faurot, Detective Cassassa and Assistant District Attorney Deacon Murphy and which was taken in stenographic notes by James O'Connell, of the inspector's staff, has not yet been signed by Father Schmidt. It was taken during the course of a running conversation with the priest, which was actually begun early on Sunday morning in the parish house of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Morningside avenue and 125th street.

It was here that Inspector Faurot, Cassassa and O'Connell, accompanied by Anna Aumuller's cousin, Joseph Iglar, who was being taken to the flat on Bradhurst avenue to identify certain of his relative's effects, stopped to question the young clergyman as to his acquaintance with the former servant in St. Boniface's rectory, in East 6th street. On being admitted to the house, Inspector Faurot, who had worked on the case for twenty-four consecutive hours, asked Father Huntman to be permitted to see Father Schmidt.

Awakened After Midnight. It was after midnight and Schmidt had retired. He was called by one of the servants and soon appeared. The inspector introduced himself, Cassassa and the stenographer. Iglar was in an adjoining room.

"So soon as the priest entered the room and confronted us his general demeanor struck me," said Inspector Faurot, when relating the details of the confession. "He stood erect, wavered a bit, and came over to tell us where Miss Aumuller was. At first he was steadfast in his denial of knowing her, but as our examination progressed and he was shown a picture of her he broke down, and with tears in his eyes said: 'Yes, I killed her, because I loved her.'"

He sobbed bitterly for some time. When he composed himself he asked permission to leave the room. Suspecting that he might do himself harm, I asked him to submit to being searched. Seized on his person I found a razor, which was taken from him. At first he denied that he had carried it for any ulterior purpose, but finally admitted that he "wanted to end it all."

I asked him if he would accompany us from the house, and he readily agreed to. We were about to leave when I recalled that he was still attired in his clerical garb, and I asked him to change

his clothing. From the parish house we then went to the apartment house, No. 68 Bradhurst avenue.

"Riding in an Eighth avenue surface car, the priest, who was technically under arrest, seemed perfectly composed. He told us that he had been married to the girl. He said he obtained a marriage license at the City Hall in February, and 'I myself performed the marriage ceremony.'"

"Arriving at the flat, which is on the third floor of the Bradhurst avenue house, we entered with a key furnished by the father himself. The house had been guarded by Detectives O'Neill and Galvin for the last five days. We got our lead from George Sachs, the second-hand furniture dealer, who has his store at Eighth avenue and 14th street, about two blocks from the four-room flat which, I am of the belief, was purposely hired for the sole purpose of doing away with the unfortunate young woman.

Traced by Telltale Pillows. "It was here that the detectives working on the case found the flat where the iron bed, mattress, chair and two peculiarly designed pillow coverings, size 7 by 23, were delivered on August 28. There were only twelve of these sold by the Robertson-Rodgers factory, in Newark. From the management we located George Sachs. Sachs was unable to say to whom the pillows were sold. We got from him, however, a list of all the sales he had made of pillows selling for the same amount of money—9 cents.

"All purchasers were accounted for with the exception of the person who bought these particular two. The rest we found were of the ordinary kind.

"Saturday night the janitor of the apartment house, Carlton Brooks, told us that he rented the apartment to Hans Schmidt on August 25. He paid \$5 down and the balance, \$14, on August 28. Saturday night we decided to enter the flat and search it. The bed, which was purchased from Sachs, was found bare of any furnishings. The effects revealed the identity of the girl, also a picture of the priest. The letters and post cards were addressed to the girl at the parish house of the St. Boniface Church, 47th street and Second avenue. Here we had the pictures of both identified.

ering consisted of tar paper, which, he explained, was bought in the neighborhood. He carried his growsome packages one at a time on the same night on Eighth avenue surface cars, transferring at 125th street for the Fort Lee ferry. From the bow of the boat he threw them overboard."

At the West 152d street police station, where Schmidt was later taken and searched, a wedding ring and an opal were found in his pocket, both of which he admitted having taken from the fingers of the dead woman. He was lined up with four other men who closely resembled himself. Faurot said, and was identified by Sachs, the second-hand furniture man, who sold to him the telltale ticking pillows.

ANNA WAS TO WED ARTIST, SAYS FRIEND

Servant Tells Police Dead Girl Named Alexander Borgen as Her Fiancee.

MADE TRIP TO EUROPE

Victim's Associates Do Not Remember Her Having Mentioned Particular Friendship for Father Schmidt.

Annie Hirt, a servant employed at St. Boniface's rectory, at Second avenue and East 6th street, said last night that there was another man besides Father Schmidt who had played an important part in the murdered girl's life. Miss Hirt said he was Alexander Borgen, an artist, who lived somewhere in Ohio. Annie Aumuller told her the day before she left the employ of Father Braun, August 29, that she was to be married the next day to Borgen.

"I never saw Borgen," said Annie Hirt, "although Annie often talked about him, and had told me she loved him. He often visited New York, staying at a small hotel, the name of which I have forgotten. Annie was in his company on her days off whenever he was in town. I never saw Father Schmidt, either, I came to work at the rectory after he left to go uptown."

"Annie seldom mentioned the name of the priest to me, and I cannot explain her presence in his flat the night she was murdered. She never said anything to me to indicate that Father Schmidt was jealous of the attentions paid her by Borgen."

Miss Hirt, whose parents live at No. 503 East 85th street, was seen at that address last night. She left the rectory late in the afternoon to visit her parents, after telling the detectives all she knew of Anna Aumuller's life and her relations with the priest and the artist.

"I once saw a photograph of Borgen," Miss Hirt stated. "He had dark hair and a beard and wore heavy rimmed glasses. I was told by Anna that he was of medium height, spare, and was rather foreign in appearance. She also told me he was born in the same village in Hungary where she was born and that she had known him since she was a little child. Before she came to this country two years ago he wooed her, but I understand that at the time Anna did not pay particular heed to his suit."

"In August of last year, I believe it was, Anna went to Europe. While there she met some one with whom she fell in love. She mentioned it to me after she returned to the St. Boniface parish house to work. Whether Borgen had also returned to Vienna where Anna spent considerable time, I do not know. I believe, however, that Borgen was the man with whom she was infatuated."

"The day before Anna left she said to me: 'I am going to be married to-morrow and go to Ohio to live.' I asked her whom she was to marry, and she told me 'Borgen.' She had \$50 saved, she said, and she showed me a bankbook. She seemed bright and happy the day before she went away—more cheerful than she had been for many weeks."

Miss Hirt said also that Anna Aumuller had a mother and sister living in Vienna and that the dead girl had occasionally received letters from them. She had a cousin living in New York, named Iglar, with whom she lived for a time after she came to New York, two years ago."

According to Miss Hirt, Anna received occasional letters from the artist. The police had a picture of him, she said, as they had shown it to her and asked her to identify it.

Joseph Iglar, of No. 428 East 70th street, the cousin of the slain girl, was able to give the main facts in her life yesterday. She was born in Oedenburg, Hungary, he said, and was about twenty years old. He said:

"When Anna first came to New York from Vienna she came to our house and lived with my wife and family in 135th street, The Bronx.

"After she had been with us a number of months she had some little disagreement with us and went to work in the rectory of the St. Boniface Roman Catholic Church. That was late in December, 1910.

"She worked in Father Braun's household for a year or so then she left because she said she could not get along with the woman who was in charge of the establishment during the absence of Father Braun's regular housekeeper."

"She had saved some money, we learned, and later she surprised us by announcing she was going to Europe. That was July last year, and in August she sailed and did not come back until October.

"When she came back she told us she had met a man with whom she had fallen in love, but she did not tell me his name. I do not recall her every saying anything about Alexander Borgen, who I understand is said to have at one time been Anna's fiancee. I did not know that Anna was intimate with the priest."

The Rev. Dr. John S. Braun, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Boniface, a small brownstone and brick structure at Second avenue and East 47th street, issued yesterday the following statement regarding the principals in the murder tragedy:

"The Rev. Hans Schmidt came from Trenton, N. J., to this parish as an assistant priest on December 31, 1910, and remained as such until the fall of 1912. He was considered eccentric.

"Anna Aumuller was recommended for service in our parish by a maid then in the house. She came here a week before Christmas, 1910, and left some time in the summer of 1911. She returned as a maid on Thanksgiving Day, 1912, and left August 30, 1913. At the time she said she was about to be married and go to Ohio."

In supplementing his statement Father Braun said:

"Father Schmidt, so far as I know, never had any trouble with the Catholic Church while he was in Germany, before coming to this country. He never men-

A revolver and a box of cartridges were found in one of the trunks. The gun was of foreign make, and, according to the inspector, was the property of Schmidt. According to the agent who rented the flat, Schmidt gave the name of Hans Schmidt, and said the woman he was renting it for was just starting housekeeping. This was said as an explanation for the scant furniture, which was moved in on August 28, when the balance of the rent of \$14 was paid. None of the thirty families in the apartment house could recall having seen or heard anything out of the ordinary since the flat was rented by Schmidt. There was no witness, so far as the police could ascertain, to Schmidt carrying his burden from the house.

tioned to me the fact, as has been stated to-day, that he was arrested for posing as a priest or for violating any rules of the Church. Of course, I did not investigate his record, but so far as I am aware it was clear.

Filled Priestly Functions.

"He came to this parish to act as assistant priest, and did so. He was qualified to perform all offices of the priesthood, and while here he heard confession, conducted services, officiated at weddings and funerals, visited the sick and administered the rites of the Church when occasion demanded; in short, did all that a priest is called upon to do."

All Father Braun knew of the dead girl, he said, was that she came from Germany a little more than two years ago, and obtained employment in the rectory without credentials, because her apostory impressed him and his housekeeper. In the summer of 1911, he added, he went abroad with his sister, and during that time Anna quarrelled with the housekeeper in charge, who has since left the rectory, and she (Anna) left. Later she explained the difficulty and at her request was given back her old position as maid.

"Father Schmidt was here when Anna was," Father Braun continued, "but left in the summer of 1912. He packed his trunks and told us he was going to Germany to visit—Anna at that time was in Germany, I believe—but changed his mind to accept a position as an assistant priest at the St. Joseph's Church, in 125th street. I do not recall that he ever came here to see Anna or communicated with her by telephone."

"Anna told us on August 29 she was about to leave, to be married and live in Ohio. We did not question her as to the identity of her husband, and she volunteered no information."

OUT OF MIND, SAYS BISHOP

Slayer Not in Responsible Condition, Is Prelate's Belief.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 14.—The Right Rev. James A. McFaul, Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Trenton, said this evening that he believed that Father Hans Schmidt was not in a responsible condition. The priest was under the jurisdiction of Bishop McFaul for about seven or eight months during the year 1910, when he was acting as pastor of St. Francis's German Catholic Church during the illness of Dr. Joseph Rathner.

Bishop McFaul said that he received this impression as a result of conversations with members of the congregation, Dr. Rathner and others with whom the priest had dealings. Nothing that might be construed as a criminal tendency was noticed, however.

Father Schmidt came to this country from Germany, where he was born, educated and ordained as a priest. He was graduated from the University of Munich. He was in this country but a short time when he came to Trenton.

Father Schmidt was in Trenton for about two days during the middle of July, while on his vacation. At that time he was a guest at the home of Dr. Rathner.

SLAIN AFTER DEATH JOKE

"I Won't Come Back Alive," Girl Said—She Didn't.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Pottsville, Penn., Sept. 14.—An hour after Miss Bessie Schriener, twenty-three years old, a member of a family well known socially here, jokingly predicted she would not come back alive from a trip on a motor cycle, she received fatal injuries at Mount Carbon, and died three hours later at the Pottsville Hospital today.

Miss Schriener was riding with W. Frank Greenwald, who was thrown off in a collision with a bicycle and her skull was fractured.

"Is your life insured, Bessie?" asked a neighbor, as the girl took her dangerous seat on the front of the machine.

"Oh, yes, I don't expect to come back alive," was the reply.

PRINCE GOES TO WAR

King Alfonso's Cousin Joins Army in Morocco.

Madrid, Sept. 14.—Among the officers of the King's regiment which left for Morocco on Saturday was the King's cousin, Prince Alfonso of Bourbon-Orleans. In 1909 Prince Alfonso married Princess Beatrice of Sax-Coburg, for which act he was deprived of his title of Infante and stripped of all honors and decorations. Two years later he was restored to rank of lieutenant in the Spanish army for service at Melilla, and the following year King Alfonso issued a decree restoring his title.

The government continues to dispatch reinforcements to Morocco. The 1st Battalion of the Leon Regiment left to-day.

WILL TALK OF EFFICIENCY

Convention To Be Held at Lake Placid September 19 to 21.

An "efficiency convention" will be held at Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks, September 19 to 21, under the direction of the Efficiency Society of New York. The general subject for the meeting will be "Efficiency in Non-Profit Making Institutions."

Many phases of the subject will be discussed, and addresses will be made by men of national prominence. William H. Wilcox, former chairman of the Public Service Commission for the 1st District, who is president of the society, will preside at all the meetings. Reduced railroad fares have been arranged.

TWO DIE FROM OIL BURNS.

Harrison, N. J., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Michael Castor, of No. 210 John street, died to-day in St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, from injuries they sustained in an explosion at their home last night. Another son, William, nine months old, is in the hospital, but will probably recover. Mrs. Castor used kerosene oil to hurry along the fire in her kitchen stove.

FOR BIG TURKISH LOAN.

Paris, Sept. 15.—"Le Petit Parisien" learns that a Franco-Turkish agreement is about to be concluded, authorizing a Turkish loan of 200,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000) in France. The agreement deals also with the question of Turkish customs and provides for railway concessions to French companies in Asia Minor and Syria.